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Application of: **Masatake OHMORI**

Serial No. : Not Yet Known

Date Filed : Herewith

For : COLOR-IMAGE FORMING DEVICE AND METHOD OF
CONTROLLING THE SAME

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Sir:

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Pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the information identified herein is also provided.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, filed concurrently herewith, and that such art be made of record in said application.

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The following commonly-owned U.S. patent applications are brought to the attention of the Examiner:

- (a) U.S. Patent Application No. 349,770, filed July 9, 1999;

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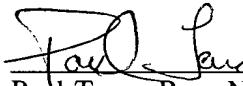
- (b) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/919,570 of OHMORI, filed July 31, 2001;
- (c) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/010,875 of OHMORI, filed November 12, 2001;
and
- (d) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/230,532 of OHMORI et al., filed August 29, 2002.

Copies of the commonly-owned U.S. patent applications (b)-(d) are enclosed herewith.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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